

## BOARD OF FINANCE

February 17, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Mr. Monico, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Pieper, Ms. Vissicchio, Mr. Lianos, Mr. Kohlhepp

Also Present: Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time.

1. January 31, 2010
  - Report of Budget
  - Report of Revenue
  - Special Funds
  - Bd/Ed Accounting
2. Agenda – February 10, 2010
3. 2009 Grand List Net Net Taxable, Pre-BAA

### MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2010, Ms. Vissicchio moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Pieper.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		

### OLD BUSINESS

#### UPDATE 2010-2011 BUDGET

Mr. Monico stated that the budget process is moving along and that following tonight's meeting there will be budget workshops with the Police Department, Assessor, Tax Collector/Town Clerk and Registrars. The Board of Education and Fire workshops will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Freda said that the projected deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, has been reduced to \$460,000 which includes the anticipated rebate from our former insurance carrier. He said that he will be meeting with department heads next week to try to further reduce costs.

Mr. Hallahan said he wanted to assist in closing the gap on the deficit by eliminating the \$108,000 Board of Education capital charge. He felt that the Board of Education should accept the full cost of implementing the program since energy savings have occurred.

Mr. Freda said that he has met with UI officials about the energy savings program and has renegotiated the contract to extend it from 3 to 4 years which will save the Town an additional \$25,000 a year. Mr. Freda said that moving forward the cost will be on the Board of Education's budget not the Town.

NEW BUSINESSREPORT OF BUDGET, REVENUE, SPECIAL FUNDS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ACCOUNTING JANUARY 31, 2010

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of January were 93.9%. Mr. Swinkoski reviewed the overexpenditure report in detail. Further discussion followed. These reports were accepted as presented.

OTHER

Mr. Hallahan said he is very upset over the increase in health care costs. Anthem has proposed a possible 27% rate increase for the FY 2010-2011. He felt it was a very serious situation and wanted to know what the Town was doing to control these costs.

First Selectman Freda explained that the Town has three (3) brokers negotiating lower rates for the Town. The three brokers are Charter Oak, GBAC and Ovation. He said that these brokers have aggregate power and leverage in negotiating the rates down. First Selectman Freda said that he is meeting with Anthem officials on February 25<sup>th</sup>. He has also scheduled Anthem to attend the March 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss why the proposed rate increase is so high.

First Selectman Freda said that two years ago when the Town switched from Anthem to ConnectiCare something happened to drive our claims history up. He said we need to straighten this out before we can go out to bid for health insurance. If not, no one will submit bids because the Town is considered a risk.

Mr. Hallahan was concerned that the Town was just looking at Anthem. Mr. Freda explained that once the claims history analysis is done, the Town will examine offers from all insurance companies.

Further discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 35 minutes with residents asking questions and making recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lianos moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Mr. Pieper.

VOTE:	Freda- Yes	Monico - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Pieper - Yes	Vissicchio - Yes	Lianos - Yes
	Kohlhepp - Yes		